

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 20, 2005
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants

DVBE Advisory Council Members

Allen Amaro, Gene Farnsworth, Don Gonneville, Robert Brown on behalf of Michael Johnson, Michael O'Connor, James Stanfield, Francis Trottier, Robert Yaap

CDVA

Jack Kirwan, Statewide DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division
Stewart Mackenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division
Joy Rowan, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division

Department of General Services

Mariel Dennis, Chief, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Gloria Anderson, Compliance Manager
Patricia O Connors, Outreach and Education Manager
Robin Borden, Certification Manager
Lori Okamoto, SB/DVBE Resources Administrator

Absent DVBE Advisory Council Members

Alison Boyle, Larry Brooks, Floyd Knox, Bob Mulz, Kevin O'Connor, John Rak, John Robbins, Larry Turner, Timothy Voors

The Legislation and Outreach Sub-Committees met from 8:30am-10:00am.

Welcome and Introductions

10:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Robert Brown is attending on behalf of Mike Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

Tabled until a quorum is present.

Business Items

DGS: New Legislation, DVBE Regulations & CPR Impact on SB/DVBE's

10:10 am

Mariel Dennis (January 20, 2005 DVBE Council- DGS comments handout)

- Resource Exchange Feb 24th (handout)
- Commercially Useful Function
 - Reviewed management Memo 05-03 (handout)
 - Solicited for comments on the draft DVBE Program Requirements (handout)
 - Please provide comments to Bob Yaap, Sub-Committee Chair, Legislation
- Tax returns: DVBE's required to furnish 3 years
 - Reminders letters being issued.
 - Notified/decertified firms for noncompliance
- Nonprofit Veteran Services Agency (NVSA) Program effective January 1, 2005 (handout)
- DVBE Regulations rough draft distributed to Leg. Sub-Committee for comment
 - Anticipated final draft end of February
- California Strategic Sourcing Initiative
 - Conducted first reverse auction for CHP
 - Office Supply (OfficeMax) Statewide Contract Broadcast (handout)
 - Dennis Hutcheson, of EX POW Supplies shared insight on the contract

Council Membership

11:00 am

Don Gonneville (current member handout)

Following members resigned: Jerry Caton, Ken Jackson, Rondia Moss and AJ Wilson
Members reminded of their commitment to the Council and the importance of attendance
Don will contact those members who are not showing up to confirm membership.
Membership criteria to be discussed under the operating guidelines.

Council's Operating Guidelines

11:10 am

Don Gonneville and Jack Kirwan

Discussed proposed operating guidelines and enforcement
Please submit comments to Jack Kirwan via email by mid February (due Feb. 18, 2005)

Lunch 12:10- 1:00 pm

Approval of November 18, 2004 Minutes

1:03 pm

1st motion: Farnsworth, 2nd motion: Yaap ~ Unanimous

Discussion Items

Committee Reports

1:05 pm

Legislative Chair, Robert Yaap

Members: Allan Amaro, Mike O'Connor, Francis Trottier, James Stanfield
Departmental participants: Mariel Dennis and DGS Staff
Meets before Council meetings
Committee will communicate via email and will review the following:
Good Faith Effort – Strengthen or Eliminate
DVBE 840
Awareness of DVBE program to Legislature
Legislation
Future regulations

Outreach Chair, Gene Farnsworth

Members: will recruit
Departmental participants: Lori Okamoto and Stewart Mackenzie
Meets before Council meetings
Main goal: to strengthen committee and identify 2005 goals
Announcements included:
Bay Area Vendor Fair, Feb. 10, www.bayareavendorfair.com
Alliance West, May 24, www.allianceforbiz.com/west.html
VBOC, Jan. 26, www.vietvets.org
Jet Propulsion Laboratory High –Tech Conference March 1-2,
<http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/boo/>
CalTrans District 11 Procurement Fair, March 8, www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/small_business
Department of Defense, Reno (more info to follow)

No reports from State Agency or Procurement Sub-committees

DGS Real Estate Services Division

Glenn Hezmalhalch, Capital Outlay Program Manager

Project status on CDVA new construction program and how to get involved in projects (handout)

Council Forum Member Issues And Reports

Jim Stanfield: Comments regarding OfficeMax Broadcast
Francis Trottier: Development of DVBE legal business book (Council is not endorsing)
Allan Amaro: Method of finding DVBE's participation (including \$\$'s) other than the Public Record Act

Public Comments- None

Next meeting March 17, 2005.

Adjournment

3:00 pm